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In re Appln. of: Matthew J. Knox

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For: SEAT BELT TENSION INDICATOR

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- Information Disclosure Statement
- Form PTO-1449 and 1 foreign reference
- Return Receipt Postcard

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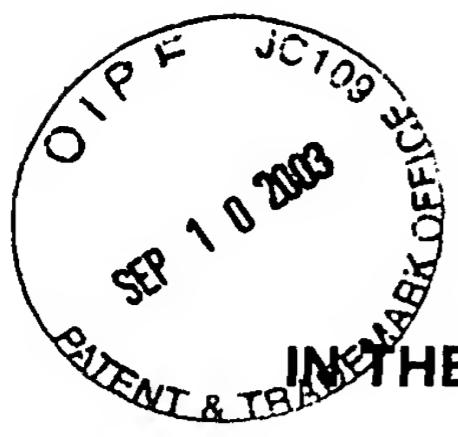
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
5,965,827	10/12/1999	Stanley et al.
5,996,421	12/07/1999	Husby
6,209,915	04/03/2001	Blakesley
6,311,571	11/06/2001	Norton
6,400,145	06/04/2002	Chamings et al.
6,405,607	06/18/2002	Faigle et al.
6,447,010	09/10/2002	Curtis et al.
EP0997358A3	11/21/2001	Smithson

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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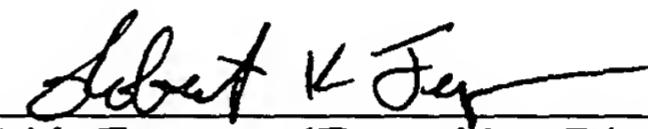
references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date



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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (one sheet)  
Copies of listed references



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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		EP 0997358A3	22/21/2001	EP		

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